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Entrance Tests for IITs in foreign countries
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that in a bid to attract more international talent, the prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are planning to hold their entrance tests in Singapore, United Arab Emirates (UAE) Ethiopia and South Asian Association of Regional Conference (SAARC) next year to select foreign students for under-graduate and post-graduate courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the seats to be offered to foreign nationals would be supernumerary or additional in nature and would not reduce those available to Indian nationals at all IITs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): The IIT Council has decided to provide supernumerary seats in the IITs to foreign nationals to enhance the global footprint and impact of the IITs. For this purpose, it has been decided to focus on the SAARC countries and countries of West Asia and Africa. This decision includes:
i) There shall be no additional cost to Government.
ii) There shall be no reduction in the seats available for students from India.
iii) Foreign nationals should qualify through the same examinations as Indian students.

IIT Bombay has been appointed as the National Coordinator for this purpose. It is working with the Ministry of External Affairs for conduct of the GATE and JEE examinations in 2017 abroad for selecting foreign students for study in post-graduate and under-graduate courses in IITs.
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